

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 16, 2002, the following members were present:

Gary Feland, Chairman
Jay Stovall, Vice Chairman
Bob Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Brainard, Commissioner

Commissioner Rowe was absent and did not leave votes for the business meeting.

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick
Utility Division

(306) In the matter of Yellowstone Pipeline Co., Docket No. D2002.2.19; On June 21, 2002, Yellowstone Pipeline Co. filed an application for an approximate 20 percent decrease in rates from an increase of 53 percent, which the Commission approved in March of 2001 due to increased power costs. This decrease is for the pipeline between Billings and Bozeman, Helena, Great Falls & Missoula. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the filing on an interim basis. (This issue appeared on the agenda as a "Notice Item" but the motion was made to allow the customers to immediately receive the rate decrease.) Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(307) In the matter of TN2145; Ravalli County Council on Aging, Hamilton, Montana requests permission to add the ' dba' Ravalli County Transit to PSC No. 9410.

Class B - Passengers between all points and places in Ravalli County, Montana. Limitations:
1) Twenty-four (24) hour advance notice required of all regulated transportation; 2) Council on Aging or successor in interest must not charge a fee for regulated Medicaid transportation less than that charged by Valley Taxi or Valley Taxi's successor in interest; 3) No sale, transfer, or lease to a for-profit entity; 4) Transportation of passengers in limousine service is prohibited.

Commissioner Stovall moved to approve the addition. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

(308) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes; Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of July 8, 2002. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 4-0.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GARY FELAND, Chairman

JAY STOVALL, Vice Chairman

BOB ANDERSON, Commissioner

MATT BRAINARD, Commissioner

BOB ROWE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Rhonda J. Simmons
Commission Secretary

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Commissioner Rowe was absent but did phone in for the first work session. He left written votes for the balance of the work sessions with the exception of the out of cycle.

APPEARANCE

Susan Good, Steve Vick, Will Rosquist

(309) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's Default Supply Portfolio and related Phase II issues, Docket No. D2001.10.144; Commissioner Anderson moved to begin a forum on electric restructuring issues and ask staff to develop plans for implementing that. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Lisa Swanson

(310) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy and Colstrip Energy Limited Partnership QFLT-1 and STPP-1 Filing, Docket No. D2001.7.100; Commissioner Anderson moved to vacate Docket No. D2001.7.100. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(311) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of NorthWestern Energy's Annual Gas Tracker and Sale of Gas Assets, Dockets No. D2001.12.156 and D2002.1.11, respectively; Commissioner Anderson moved to vacate the hearing. Commissioner Brainard seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson

(312) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Clark Fork Telecommunications and Lincoln Telephone's motion for protective orders to cover telecommunications annual report schedules, Docket No. N2002.7.85 and N2002.7.86; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue notices of request for protective order for Lincoln and Clark Fork, and issue a letter of availability of protective orders. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Lisa Swanson

(313) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Carl James Asimus and Joshua Harlow Stevens dba SUMISA, Application for Montana Intrastate Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Docket No. T-02.21.PCN; Commissioner Brainard moved to issue the final order approving the application. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Commissioner Rowe voted aye.

APPEARANCE

Steve Vick, Wayne Budt

(314) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of staff out-of-state travel, Kate Whitney to NARUC staff subcommittees (Sept. 22-24), Steve Vick to second week of Camp NARUC, and Joel Tierney to NAPS Board Meeting (Sept. 23-27); Commissioner Brainard moved to send staff to the meetings. Commissioner Stovall seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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